

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION
1685 E Street, Fresno, CA 93706

PUBLIC HEARING

concerning

**RENEWAL OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS (NPDES NO. CA0081833)
FOR
GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY AND WELLMADE PRODUCTS COMPANY
GROUNDWATER CLEANUP SYSTEM
MERCED COUNTY**

General Electric Company operates a groundwater cleanup system on property owned by Wellmade Products Company. The facility consists of two off-site granular activated carbon treatment systems and one on-site air-stripper treatment system used to treat groundwater contaminated with VOCs. Treated groundwater is discharged to the Merced Irrigation District's Hartley Lateral Canal. The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) will consider renewal of the existing NPDES Permit.

A public hearing concerning this matter will be held during the Regional Water Board meeting scheduled for:

DATE: 11/12 June 2009
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
PLACE: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
11020 Sun Center Drive #200
Rancho Cordova, CA

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Regional Water Board staff
- General Electric Company

Only designated parties will have these rights: to call and examine witnesses; to introduce exhibits; to cross-examine opposing witnesses; to impeach any witness; and to rebut the evidence against him or her. All other persons wishing to testify or provide comments are interested persons and not designated parties. Such interested persons may request status as a designated party for purposes of this hearing by submitting such request in writing to the Regional Water Board no later than 5 p.m. on **15 May 2009**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and in particular how the person is directly affected by the discharge.

Persons wishing to comment on this noticed hearing item shall submit testimony, evidence, if any, and/or comments in writing to the Regional Water Board no later than by 5 p.m. on **15 May 2009**. Written evidence or comments submitted after 5

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p.m. on **15 May 2009** will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice any party.

All designated parties and interested persons may speak at the Regional Water Board meeting, and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony and cross examination will be limited in time by the Board Chair.

Anyone having questions on this noticed hearing item should contact Aide Ortiz at (559) 445-6083. Interested parties may download the tentative WDRs and related documents from the Regional Water Board's Internet website at:
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/. Copies of these documents can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Regional Water Board's office at 1685 "E" Street, Fresno, CA 93706, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

The procedures governing Regional Water Board meetings may be found at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 647 et seq. and is available upon request. Hearings before the Regional Water Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq. The procedures may be obtained by accessing http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/laws_regulations/. Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Regional Water Board's website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/mtgprocd.shtml or by contacting any one of the Regional Water Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.

Original signed by

LONNIE M. WASS, Supervising Engineer

15 April 2009